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SUBJECT: PRCLO OFFICIALS REFUSE TO ATTEND DOCUMENTARY

FILM PREVIEW

1. ON APRIL 29, WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING HELD PREVIEW
SHOWING OF DOCUMENTARY FILMED DURING CODEL HECKLER VISIT
TO THE PRC, FOR LIMITED WASHINGTON AUDIENCE. A FEW DAYS
PRIOR TO SHOWING, TO WHICH PRCLO OFFICIALS HAD BEEN IN-
VITED, SHEN JO-YUN OF PRCLO CONTACTED CONGRESSWOMAN
MARGARET HECKLER TO ASK WHETHER FILM CONTAINED SCENES OF
TENG HSIAO-P'ING (WHO MET WITH CODEL) AND IF IT DID, RE-
QUESTED THAT THEY BE EXCISED. CONGRESSWOMAN HECKLER THEN
CONTACTED WESTINGHOUSE, WHICH REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHINESE
CENSORSHIP. INFORMED OF THIS, PRCLO BOYCOTTED THE SCREEN-
ING.

2. THE TENG FOOTAGE CONSISTED OF STANDARD SHOT OF CODEL
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MEMBERS SITTING DOWN WITH HIM FOR THEIR MEETING, AND PRC-

SUPPLIED FILM OF CHOU FUNERAL, WHICH GAVE PROMINENT
MOURNER'S ROLE TO TENG.

3. WE DOUBT THAT PRCLO OFFICERS WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY
COMFORTABLE VIEWING THE FILM, EVEN HAD IT BEEN CUT AS

REQUESTED. IT IS QUITE WELL-BALANCED, BY NO MEANS
UNCritical, AND INCLUDES A NUMBER OF RATHER SHARP COMMENTS
BY MEMBERS OF CODEL. WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE SHOWN BY
VARIOUS TV STATIONS, PROBABLY INCLUDING IN WASHINGTON.

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